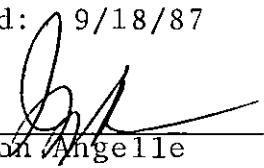


LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Approved: 9/18/87


J. Burton Angelle

BOARD MEETING

September 3, 1987

JOE PALMISANO, JR.
Vice Chairman

Covington, Louisiana

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COVINGTON, LOUISIANA

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

September 3, 1987

Vice-Chairman Joe Palmisano presiding:

Wednesday, September 2, 1987

Jack Cappel
Lyle Crain
Don Hines
Warren Pol

Thursday, September 3, 1987

Jack Cappel
Lyle Crain
Don Hines

The minutes of the meeting of August 7, 1987 were approved with a motion from Dr. Cappel and seconded by Dr. Hines which was unanimously approved.

Phil Bowman presented the Survey Report for the period of August 3:30, 1987 at Wednesday's meeting. During this period field activity consisted of 104 surveys scheduled, 46 surveys were unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor. Lease rental collected was \$711.28, survey fees collected were \$225.00, 2 applications were filed and 117 new leases were issued.

The Enforcement Report was also given at Wednesday's meeting by Ray Montet.

Johnnie Tarver presented a resolution to set the trapping season for 1987-88. A motion was made by Mr. Crain, seconded by Dr. Cappel which passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution
is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, the fur industry of Louisiana represents a major resource of economy and income for many of the citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, this resource is a renewable natural one, which has proven under wise management to increase in importance in our state; and

WHEREAS, an annual harvest of the surplus animals is in keeping with wise wildlife management techniques based on scientific management; and

WHEREAS, Federal restrictions imposed by the CITES Scientific Authority concerning out-of-state shipment for otter and bobcat furs will again require placement of a possession tag by trappers or buyers to insure state of origin; and

WHEREAS, the zonation concept has continued to be beneficial in reducing late caught unprime furs and has produced mainly favorable comments generated within the fur industry; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish the 1987-88 furbearers trapping season for the northern zone as being November 20, 1987 through February 15, 1988 and the southern zone as being December 1, 1987 through February 29, 1988, and sets a bag limit for daytime and nighttime raccoon and opossum hunting outside the trapping season of one raccoon and/or opossum per hunter per day or night; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached regulations governing the buying, tagging and shipment of bobcat and otter pelts are adopted for the 1987-88 trapping season, now

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department Secretary shall be authorized to close or extend the trapping season as biologically justifiable.

Phil Bowman presented a resolution to change the survey rules to include provisions holding the state safe and harmless from effects of freshwater introduction. This was approved unanimously with a motion from Dr. Cappel and seconded by Mr. Crain.

(The full text of the resolution
is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, RS 56:422-A authorizes the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to issue leases for the purpose of propagation and cultivation of oysters, and

WHEREAS, RS 56:1 requires the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to protect, conserve and replenish the natural resources of the state, and

WHEREAS, biological studies have shown that the introduction of freshwater to enhance the productivity of an oyster growing area, and

WHEREAS, the introduction of freshwater may occasionally cause some damage near the point of introduction, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following clause be added to all oyster leases issued after the date of approval of this resolution.

This lessee hereby agrees to hold and save the State of Louisiana free from any damages resulting from the operation of controlled freshwater diversion structures, including, but not limited to siltation, oyster mortality or disease, pollution, damage to oyster beds or decreased oyster production.

Phil Bowman presented an amendment to the oyster season. Dr. Hines made a motion to accept this amendment, seconded by Dr. Cappel which was approved unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution is made a part of the record)

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedures Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:433, Act 1987 No. 924 and Act 1987 No. 559 the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the 1987/1988 oyster season as follows:

1. The oyster season in Calcasieu Lake and Sabine Lake shall open for tonging only one half hour before sunrise on Monday, November 9, 1987 and extend until one half hour after sunset Saturday, March 29, 1988.
2. The oyster season on all public grounds east of the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet shall open for sacking only one half hour before sunrise on October 5, 1987.
3. All remaining public oyster seed grounds east of the Mississippi River except the Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservation will open one half hour before sunrise September 9, 1987.
4. The oyster season in the Hackberry Bay and Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservations will open one half hour before sunrise September 9, 1987.
5. The oyster season in the Vermilion Bay Oyster Seed Reservation will open one half hour before sunrise on September 9, 1987.
6. The Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservation and the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed during the 1987/1988 oyster season.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries may close the season prior to the set closing dates after giving 72 hours notice if biological information indicates the need for closure.

Phil Bowman also presented a resolution to establish a new oyster seed ground in outside waters south of Atchafalaya Bay. This was unanimously approved with a motion from Dr. Cappel and seconded by Dr. Hines.

(The full text of the resolution
is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:434(A) authorized the Commission to set aside such area from the inside waterbottoms of the state as it judges best adapted to the planting, propagation, growth and policing of seed oysters, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature in its 1987 regular session passed Act 544 allowing the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to create oyster seed grounds in outside waters of the state, and

WHEREAS, biological surveys have shown the Atchafalaya-Vermilion Bay area to meet such qualifications, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following described area be set aside as a designated oyster seed ground.

OUTSIDE AREA ATCHAFALAYA-VERMILION BAY OYSTER SEED GROUND

Description

Beginning at a point known as South Point on the Southeast portion of Marsh Island (y-298, 750.40) (x-1, 863, 189.50), thence S 74° 10' 18" E 52785.6 feet to a platform (y-284, 352.82) (x-1, 913, 973.65), thence S 68° 18' 41" E 75,154.9 feet to Eugene Island (y-256, 578.31) (x-1,983,808.02), thence S 35° 17' 41" E 17,453.6 feet to Point Au Fer (y-242, 332.84) (x-1,993,892.44), thence south 35° 00' W approximately 3 miles to the Louisiana State Territorial Limitation, thence westerly along the State Territorial Limitation to a point south of Marsh Island, thence north approximately 3 miles to a point on Marsh Island (y-295,200.0) (x-1, 845,950.0), thence easterly along the Shoreline of Marsh Island to South Point being the point of beginning.

Gerald Adkins presented rule ratification for Spanish Mackerel and Cobia. Dr. Cappel made a motion to accept the ratification, seconded by Mr. Crain which was approved unanimously.

(The full text of the rules is
made a part of the record)

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt rules and regulations establishing the minimum legal size for Spanish mackerel (*Scomberomorus maculatus*) as fourteen (14) inches total length, or twelve (12) inches fork length.

Authority for adoption of this rule is included in RS 56: 326.1.

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt rules and regulations establishing the minimum legal size of cobia (*Rachycentron canadum*) as thirty-three (33) inches fork length.

Authority for adoption of this rule is included in RS 56; 326.1.

Bennie Fontenot presented a rule to ratify the Lake Bruin commercial fishing season. Dr. Hines made a motion to accept the ratification, seconded by Dr. Cappel and unanimously approved.

(The full text of the rule is made a part of the record)

Pursuant to the authority of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 56, Sections 22, 317 and 402, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission establishes and permits a special recurring commercial fishing season, allowing the use of certain nets and slat traps, in Lake Bruin, Tensas Parish, Louisiana. The season will commence each year at sunrise on November 1 and close at sunset on the last day of February the following year.

Commercial fishermen with certain nets and slat traps will be allowed on Lake Bruin only during the above described special season and only be licensed commercial fishermen who must also obtain a Lake Bruin commercial fishing permit from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The permit will be issued at no cost on a seasonal basis and must be renewed for each season. The permittee must also file a report to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries of his catch within 15 days of the close of that season. The use of nets in Lake Bruin will be limited to gill and trammel nets greater than or having at least a minimum of 3 1/2" bar and 7" stretched.

Commercial fishing will be allowed only during daylight hours except that gear can remain set overnight but fish captured may be removed during daylight hours only.

Failure to comply with the terms of the special permit or of any Louisiana commercial fishing regulations shall result in immediate cancellation of the permit and denial of a permit for the next year's special season.

Dr. Hines made a motion that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries begin the quota for red drum and spotted seatrout as mandated by Act 381 and 382 of the 1987 Legislative Session on September 1, 1987 and end on August 31, 1988 and on an annual basis thereafter. And furthermore that the Finfish Section of the Safood Division of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries obtain accurate catch and biological data in order that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission can adjust these quotas on an equitable and scientific basis.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Crain and opened for discussion on the matter. Dr. Hines further added that these Acts, 381 and 382 impose considerable responsibility to preserve the resource of redbfish and speckled trout. It imposes the responsibility on us to continue that resource not only for this generation but for generations to come and we need to take into consideration the requirements of the commercial and recreational fishermen of this state. We also need to make sure that our quota is based on accurate data. We are going to have to get the Department to strive to obtain that data so that we might adjust this quota in whichever way is needed to preserve this resource. It is a starting point, it is mandated by the Legislature, it will take a lot of work but if we go about it in a diligent and fair manner that, certainly we are not going to please everybody, regardless of that decision we make there will be some people who will be dissatisfied, but if we obtain the data as required by these Acts and explain it to the people and do it in a fair and just manner that everyone involved, those who have to make a living with it, those who do it on a recreational basis, and those who feel that we should be more strict in our conservation measures, all will understand the action of this Commission, if they don't agree with it. He urged this Department and all concerned to work in a diligent and cooperative manner to try to fulfill the requirements of these two Acts. Dr. Cappel asked how long of a delay is it between months that we would get data? Gerald Adkins stated that it would take about six weeks. A vote was called, and it was approved unanimously.

Hugh Bateman presented a resolution for Ben's Creek WMA. A lease signing took place and recognition was given to Cavenham Forest Industries, Inc. by presentation of a plaque by Mr. Angelle and Vice-Chairman Joe Palmisano.

(The full text of the rule is
made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, Cavenham Forest Industries has leased 13,500 acres of their property in Washington Parish to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for wildlife management purposes, and

WHEREAS, this lease is free of any direct cost to the Department, and

WHEREAS, there are few public lands remaining available for wildlife management and recreational purposes in this section of southeast Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, there is potential for development of a variety of wildlife species thereby improving opportunities for recreational enjoyment by the citizens of Louisiana, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby recognizes Cavenham Forest Industries for unselfishly providing these valuable forest lands for management of wildlife resources and recreational uses by the public.

Blue Watson presented a resolution for the consideration of cease and desist of the proposed order in the matter of Rio Dredging Contractors, Inc. Dr. Cappel made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Dr. Hines and approved unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution
is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has considered proposed order of Charles J. Killebrew, Commission hearing officer, dated August 4, 1987, and

WHEREAS, the Commission is of the opinion that the findings and recommendations of the hearing officer are correct, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed order is hereby adopted in its entirety including the findings of fact and recommendations which proposed order is attached to and part of this final order, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the final order of the Commission that Rio Dredging Contractors, Inc. is prohibited from any further dredging until such time as the company is complied with the fill materials statutes and regulations that has obtained the requisite permit of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Mr. Angelle made an announcement of Mr. Jesse Guidry's passing away. He suggested that a resolution be prepared. Dr. Hines moved that we pass a resolution of respect. It was unanimously adopted that this resolution be prepared and a copy be sent to his family.

(The full text of the resolution
of commemoration is made a part
of the record)

WHEREAS, Jesse J. Guidry served faithfully as a member of the
St. Martin Parish Police Jury from 1964 until 1967, and

WHEREAS, Representative Jesse J. Guidry was elected by the people
of District 46 to serve in the Louisiana Legislature from
1973 until 1981, rising to the Chairmanship of the House
Natural Resources Committee, and

WHEREAS, Representative Jesse J. Guidry was selected and appointed
in 1973 by Governor David Treen to serve as Louisiana Secre-
tary of Wildlife and Fisheries, thereby assuming great
responsibility and initiative in protecting, conserving
and enhancing the fish and wildlife resources of the State
of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, Secretary of Wildlife and Fisheries Jesse J. Guidry
faithfully and loyally fulfilled his duties and obligations
to Louisiana and her citizens, and

WHEREAS, Jesse J. Guidry served as an active member and officer
of numerous sportsman's organizations and state and national
conservation organizations dedicated to the perpetuation of
our vast and valuable natural resources, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission and through this Commission, the Louisiana Depart-
ment of Wildlife and Fisheries, does hereby commemorate the
long and faithful service rendered by Jesse J. Guidry and
recognize him as a true and loyal friend of wildlife, now

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission and Depart-
ment express deep regret at the death of Jesse J. Guidry and
extend sincere condolences to all members of the Guidry family.

Mr. Angelle expressed appreciation and complimented the St.
Tammany Sportsmen League for inviting the Commission to meet in
Covington. The meeting and attendance was good.

The meeting for December was set for Thursday and Friday,
the 3rd and 4th in New Orleans.

The meeting was adjourned.

☒ Purchase Order
☐ Contract Item
☐ Requisition
☐ Request For Approval To Proceed

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70895

Date Typed: **6/15/87**

Typed By: PC

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Deliver to: (Specify exact street address or location for shipper, do not use box number)

Class	Commodity Description	Qty./Unit Ord./Unit	Item No.	Unit Price	Amount
	\$50.00 plus 10% Tax Meeting Room - 2 days				\$ 110.00
	\$12.50 gallon of coffee plus 15% gratuity				148.37
Budget Page and Line	Property Tag No.	Estimated Cost	TOTAL		\$ 124.37

Above items September Commission Meeting
to be _____
used for: _____

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						Approved By:



C O N T R A C T

WE AGREE THAT AN ADVANCE DEPOSIT OF 50% OR A GUARANTEE WITH A MAJOR CREDIT CARD IS DUE UPON THE SIGNING OF THIS CONTRACT IN ORDER TO SECURE OUR FUNCTION. THE BALANCE WILL BE DUE IN FULL PRIOR TO THE END OF THE FUNCTION.

IF YOU WISH TO DIRECT BILL ANY RESERVATIONS OR FUNCTIONS, CREDIT MUST BE ARRANGED AND APPROVED IN ADVANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE SALES DEPARTMENT FOR A CREDIT APPLICATION. IF ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING DIRECT BILLINGS ARISE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR ACCOUNTING OFFICE.

Paula B. Collins
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

6-10-87
DATE

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 2 & 3, 1987
COVINGTON/FOLSOM ROOMS
NO. OF PEOPLE: 50 - 75

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN.

HOLIDAY INN
P.O. BOX 1759
COVINGTON, LA. 70434

*Holiday
Inn*

DATE FUNCTION SHEET
BOOKED: 6-5-87

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 15570 BATON ROUGE, LA 70895

CONTACT NAME: PAULA CALLAIS

PHONE NUMBER: 342-5878

DATE OF FUNCTION: WED & THUR SEPT 2 & 3, 1987 TIME: 2ND: 2PM-5PM
3RD: 10AM-12NOON

TYPE OF FUNCTION: MEETING

PLACE OF FUNCTION: COVINGTON/FOLSOM ROOMS

GUARANTEED NUMBER OF PERSONS: 50 - 75

TYPE OF SET UP: THEATRE STYLE

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

ROOM
CHARGE: \$50.00 + 10% TAX PER DAY DEPOSIT DUE:

DEPOSIT DUE DATE: DATE RECEIVED:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: HAVE WATER AVAILABLE BOTH DAYS

THURS: COFFEE @ 10AM

ALL SLEEPING RMS @ \$50.00 + 10% TAX

Paula B. Callais
APPROVAL SIGNATURE

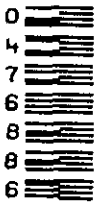
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BEFORE SIGNING, PLEASE CHECK TO SEE THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT.
MAKE ALL CHANGES THAT ARE NECESSARY, AND RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANKS

☒ Purchase Order
☐ Contract Item
☐ Requisition
☐ Request For Approval To Proceed

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CLERK	CITY	STATE		ZIP CODE	
COMPANY					



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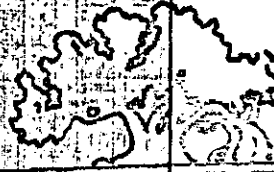
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COVINGTON

Holiday Inn

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ADDRESS	STREET	NO. OF GUESTS		ARRIVAL	
BUS HOME	PO BOX 15570				
CLERK	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE		
	BR, LA.		70895		
COMPANY					

38529

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WILDLIFE/FISHERIES

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BAND TAX	5.00
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07/02 5720 BALANCE	-69.37

END FOOD	50.00
BAND TAX	5.00
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FOLIO 385290 SETTLED

CHK OUT

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GUEST SIGNATURE



J. BURTON ANGELLE, SR.
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE
FISCAL DIVISION
P.O. BOX 15570
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70895
504-325-3968

EDWIN W. EDWARDS
GOVERNOR

DATE: Oct 12, 1987

TO: Holiday Inn
P.O. Box 1759
Covington, La

FROM: Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Post Office Box 15570
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70895

Ref D 65689

RE: Inv. 38529
9-2-87
\$ 31.76

We have been unable to identify the attached. Please furnish a copy of the invoice with our purchase order number and the name of the person making the purchase.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Laura A. Odom

Laura A. Odom, Accounts Payable

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J. BURTON ANGELLE, SR.
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
OFFICE OF WILDLIFE
FUR AND REFUGE
P.O. BOX 15570
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70895
504/342-5874

EDWIN V. EDWARDS
GOVERNOR

August 26, 1987

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commission Members, J. Burton Angelle, Joe Herring, Corky Perret
FROM: Johnnie W. Tarver, Administrator, Fur & Refuge Division
SUBJECT: 1987/88 Fur Season

The enclosed supplemental information concerning the upcoming fur season may help you understand a little more about the industry. The tables dealing with "Comparative Takes of Fur Animals in Louisiana" sum up the situation very quickly -- high fur prices yield high take (and the converse is also true). We may be on an upward trend as there is some indication that the marketing industry is interested in designing fur and leather into anticipated fashion. Consequently, we may see higher prices at the trapper level with the resultant and almost concurrent increase in effort that should translate into larger numbers of animals harvested. All-in-all, the outlook may be described as cautiously optimistic.

The following dates and zones are recommended for your consideration:

North Zone -- 11/20/87 through 2/15/88
South Zone -- 12/1/87 through 2/29/88

Sincerely yours,

Johnnie W. Tarver
Johnnie W. Tarver *plh*
Administrator
Fur & Refuge Division

JWT/plh
cc: Fur Council
Greg Linscombe
Don Puckett
Mary Mitchell



BURTON ANGELLE, SR.
SECRETARY
(504) 925-3617

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
NEW IBERIA FIELD OFFICE
ROUTE 4 BOX 78
NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA 70560
318/369-3807

EDWIN W. EDWARDS
GOVERNOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Johnnie Tarver, Chief

FROM: Greg Linscombe, Research Biologist

DATE: August 21, 1987

RE: Summary of the 1986-87 Trapping Season and
Recommendations for the 1987-88 Season

Results of the 1986-87 trapping season indicate an increase in value of \$2.6 million over the 1985-86 season. Thirty-seven percent of this increase in value was a result of the increase in the nutria harvest (224,066). The prices paid for nutria changed very little and remain too low to create a positive incentive to achieve an adequate harvest in areas with average population.

The raccoon harvest accounted for 41% of the increase in the value of the total fur harvest. Both the number harvested and the average price contributed to this increased value.

NUTRIA

The nutria contributed an average of 54% of the fur harvest value for the ten year period, 1976-77 through 1985-86. That ten year average for nutria was \$6.2 million as compared to \$3.4 million for this past season. This past year's harvest, 986,014 is still below the ten year average of 1,180,819. The average pelt price for nutria showed very little improvement from the previous year. The increase in the harvest of over 200,000 nutria over the previous year indicates an increased trapping effort or increasing population or perhaps both. Once fur buyer-dealer distribution reports are coded and analyzed we will be better able to determine where this increase was produced. High unemployment in the coastal areas of the state may have caused a greater trapping effort despite low prices.

This continued low price for nutria is more justification for the advertising and promotional campaign being planned by the Fur and Alligator Advisory Council. Reports from land managers and trappers indicate increasing nutria populations in some areas of the coast. If prices improve even slightly the catch should increase substantially.

MUSKRAT

The harvest of muskrats last year (143,538) doubled from the all time low of 1985-86 (71,367). However, this figure still represents the second lowest muskrat harvest on record and is still only 31% of the 10 year average (459,663). Prices paid for muskrats showed no improvement from the previous season and were only 50% of the 10 year average.

Muskrat populations continue to be noticeably missing from Southeast marshes. This lack of animals is directly related to major flooding during the 1985 hurricanes and marsh eatouts earlier in the 1980's. However, the key food plant for muskrats, three-cornered grass (Scirpus olneyi), is not increasing in this area of the coast.

Muskrat concentrations are very high on the western shore of Vermilion Bay, North of Creole in Cameron Parish and on the eastern shore of Sabine Lake on Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. Assuming these areas are not impacted by hurricanes between now and the season they could produce more muskrats than last year, particularly if prices improve slightly.

RACCOON

The 1986-87 raccoon harvest (240,396) is the second highest on record during the last 42 years. During the 1945-46 season a total of 244,502 raccoons were harvested. The increase in the upland price from \$10.00 to \$13.00 was no doubt responsible for the increased harvest. The small increase in prices paid for coastal raccoons does not fully explain the increased harvest, which may be more related to a shift from nutria to higher priced raccoons. The value of the raccoon harvest reached 32% of the total-fur harvest value last season as compared to a 10 year average of only 18%.

FUR HARVEST VALUE

The overall value of the fur harvest has declined dramatically since the 1980-81 season when the harvest was worth over \$18 million. The average annual value for the past 10 years has been approximately \$11.6 million, however we have been well below that average for 6 of the last 7 years. This picture will not change until the price and related harvest for nutria both increase, since nutria represents 54% of the harvest by value.

Mr. Johnnie Tarver, Chief
August 21, 1987
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TRAPPING LICENSE SALES

Last season was the first with the new \$25 and \$5 trapping licenses. As expected the number of licenses sold was reduced. A total of 9,458 licenses were sold in 1985-86 and 6,947 in 1986-87. This reduction in license sales does not reflect a real drop in trapping since the catch of most species increased. This is especially true in the upland areas of the state where 50% of the licenses are sold and 60% of the raccoons are harvested. The Fur and Alligator Advisory Council is planning several steps to help correct this problem. It is very difficult to explain the purpose of the license increase to trappers when many of the addresses cannot be read on licenses issued in the parishes. The trapping license continues to be the only commercial license not issued solely by the Department. However, renewals are being sent out by the license section for a second year and over time the number of individuals obtaining their license through the mail will increase.

The Division will also request that a special effort be made by enforcement to check trappers for proper licensing. Raccoon hunters selling fur are also required to have a trapping license.

FUR AND ALLIGATOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

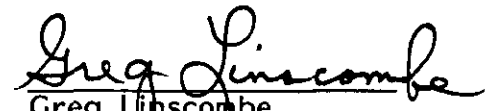
The activities of the Louisiana Fur and Alligator Advisory Council are therefore concentrating on methods to promote the utilization of nutria, particularly in the expanding U.S. market.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 1987-88 SEASON

North Zone: November 20, 1987 through February 15, 1988

South Zone: December 1, 1987 through February 29, 1988

Bag limits on raccoon and opossum hunting, outside the trapping season should remain the same, 1 per person per day or night. Regulations involving the federal export (CITES) of bobcat and otter will remain unchanged.


Greg Linscombe
Research Biologist

GL:ybd

Enclosures

COMPARATIVE TAKES OF FUR ANIMALS IN LOUISIANA

10 Year Average (1976-77 through 1985-86 seasons)

	No. of Pelts	Approx. Price to Trapper	Value
(1) Nutria (Eastern)	810,010	\$ 4.79	\$ 3,879,947.90
Nutria (Western)	370,809	6.34	2,350,929.06
	<u>1,180,819</u>		<u>\$ 6,230,876.96</u>
(2) Muskrat (Eastern)	341,313	3.74	\$ 1,276,510.62
Muskrat (Western)	118,350	4.72	558,612.00
	<u>459,663</u>		<u>\$ 1,835,122.62</u>
(B) Raccoon (Upland)	134,345	12.35	\$ 1,683,342.85
Raccoon (Coastal)	68,936	6.32	435,675.52
	<u>203,281</u>		<u>\$ 2,119,018.37</u>
Mink	38,760	10.54	\$ 408,530.40
Opossum	36,606	1.92	70,283.52
Otter	7,039	28.57	201,104.23
Skunk	286	1.90	543.40
Red Fox	1,279	33.56	42,923.24
Gray Fox	3,165	31.02	98,178.30
Bobcat	2,963	51.39	152,268.57
Beaver	1,089	5.22	5,684.58
Coyote	1,812	15.41	27,922.92
Total Pelts	<u>1,936,762</u>		<u>\$11,192,457.11</u>
Nutria Meat	920,700 lbs.	.05	\$ 46,035.00
Raccoon Meat	777,005 lbs.	.44	341,882.20
Opossum Meat	58,123 lbs.	.25	14,530.75
	<u>1,755,828 lbs.</u>		<u>\$ 402,447.95</u>
TOTAL PELTS AND MEAT			\$11,594,905.06

PRELIMINARY

COMPARATIVE TAKES OF FUR ANIMALS IN LOUISIANA

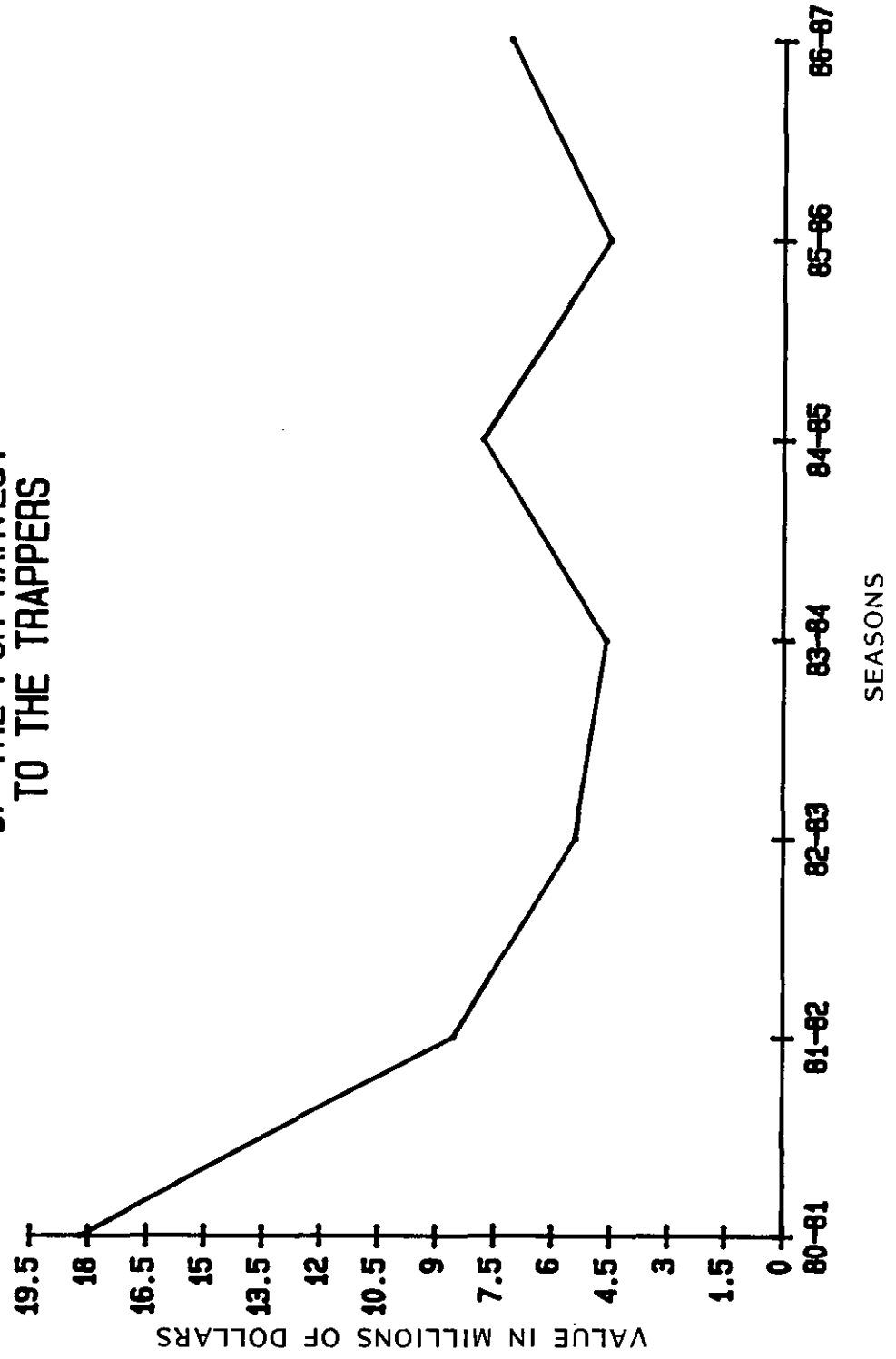
1986-87 SEASON

	No. of Pelts	Approximate Price to Trapper	Value
NUTRIA (EASTERN)	640,909	\$ 3.16	\$2,025,272.44
NUTRIA (WESTERN)	345,105	3.90	1,345,909.50
	<u>986,014</u>		<u>\$3,371,181.94</u>
MUSKRAT (EASTERN)	57,415	1.95	\$ 111,959.25
MUSKRAT (WESTERN)	86,123	2.29	197,221.67
	<u>143,538</u>		<u>\$ 309,180.92</u>
RACCOON (UPLAND)	144,238	13.00	\$1,875,094.00
RACCOON (COASTAL)	96,158	4.90	471,174.20
	<u>240,396</u>		<u>\$2,346,268.20</u>
MINK	35,045	10.60	\$ 371,477.00
OPOSSUM	20,376	.75	15,282.00
OTTER	5,074	10.00	50,740.00
SKUNK	8	.75	6.00
RED FOX	396	13.00	5,148.00
GRAY FOX	2,405	23.00	55,315.00
BOBCAT	2,395	59.00	141,305.00
BEAVER	1,810	3.00	5,430.00
COYOTE	937	5.50	5,153.50
	<u>1,438,394</u>		<u>\$6,676,487.56</u>

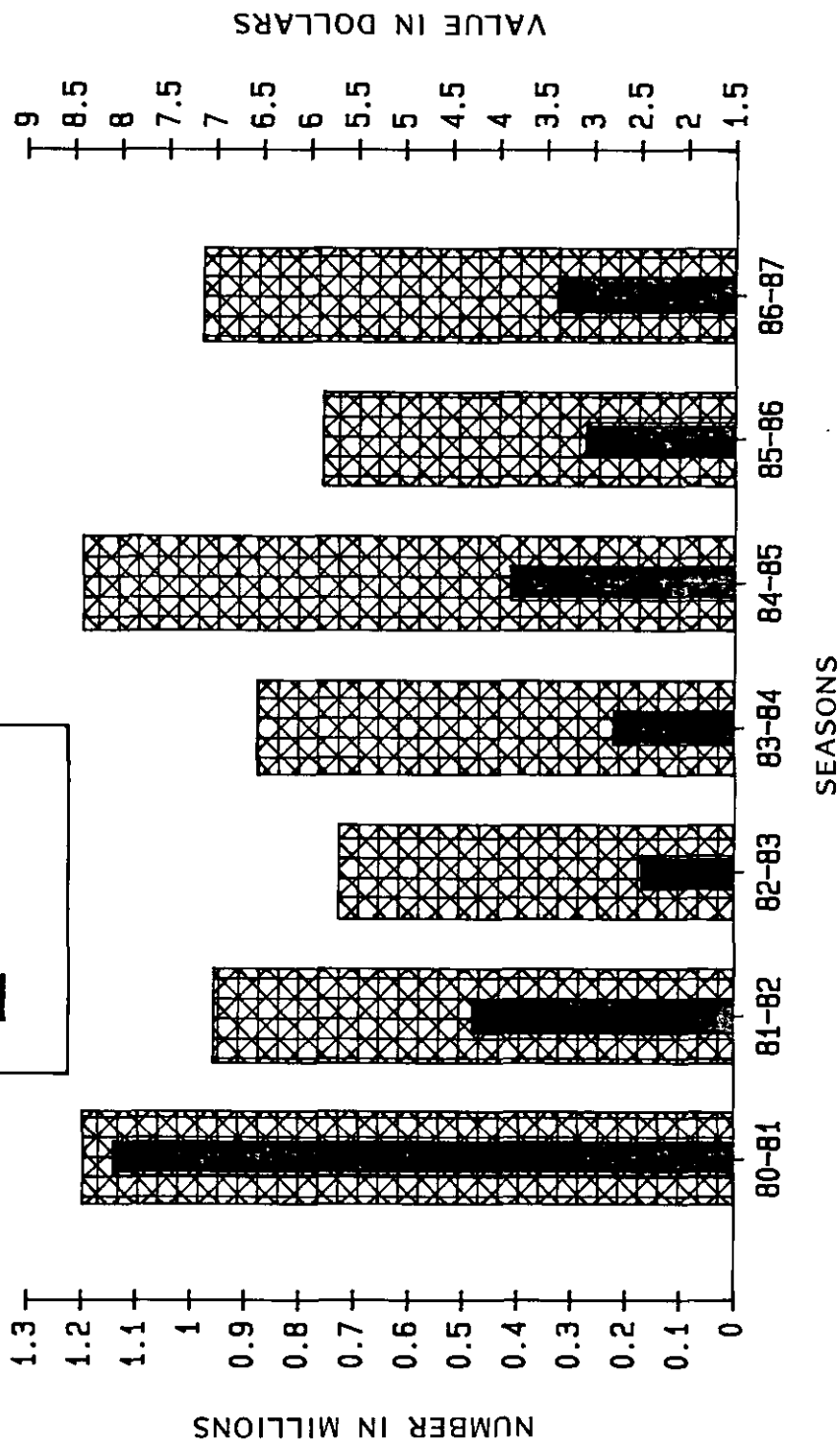
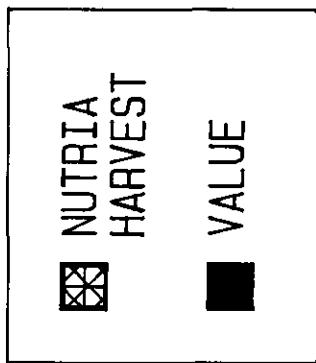
No. of Pounds

NUTRIA MEAT	552,168	.04	\$ 22,086.72
RACCOON MEAT	927,929	.50	463,964.50
OPOSSUM MEAT	20,172	.25	5,043.00
	<u>1,500,269</u>		<u>\$ 491,094.22</u>
TOTAL PELTS AND MEAT			<u>\$7,167,581.78</u>

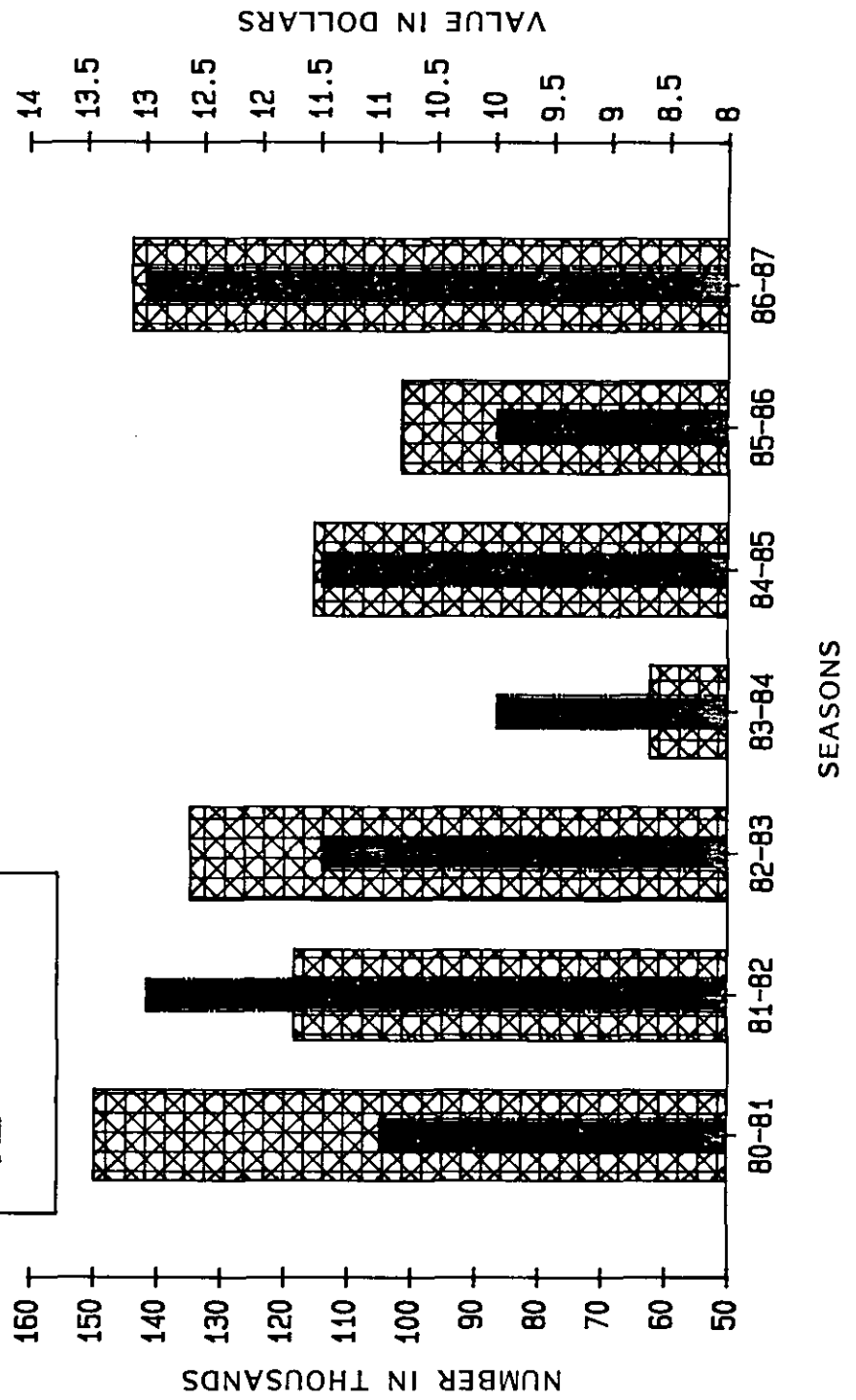
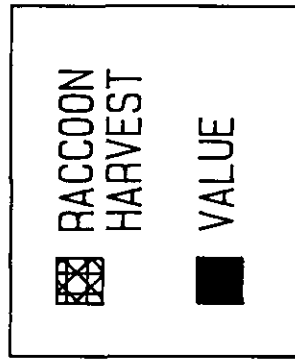
ANNUAL VALUE
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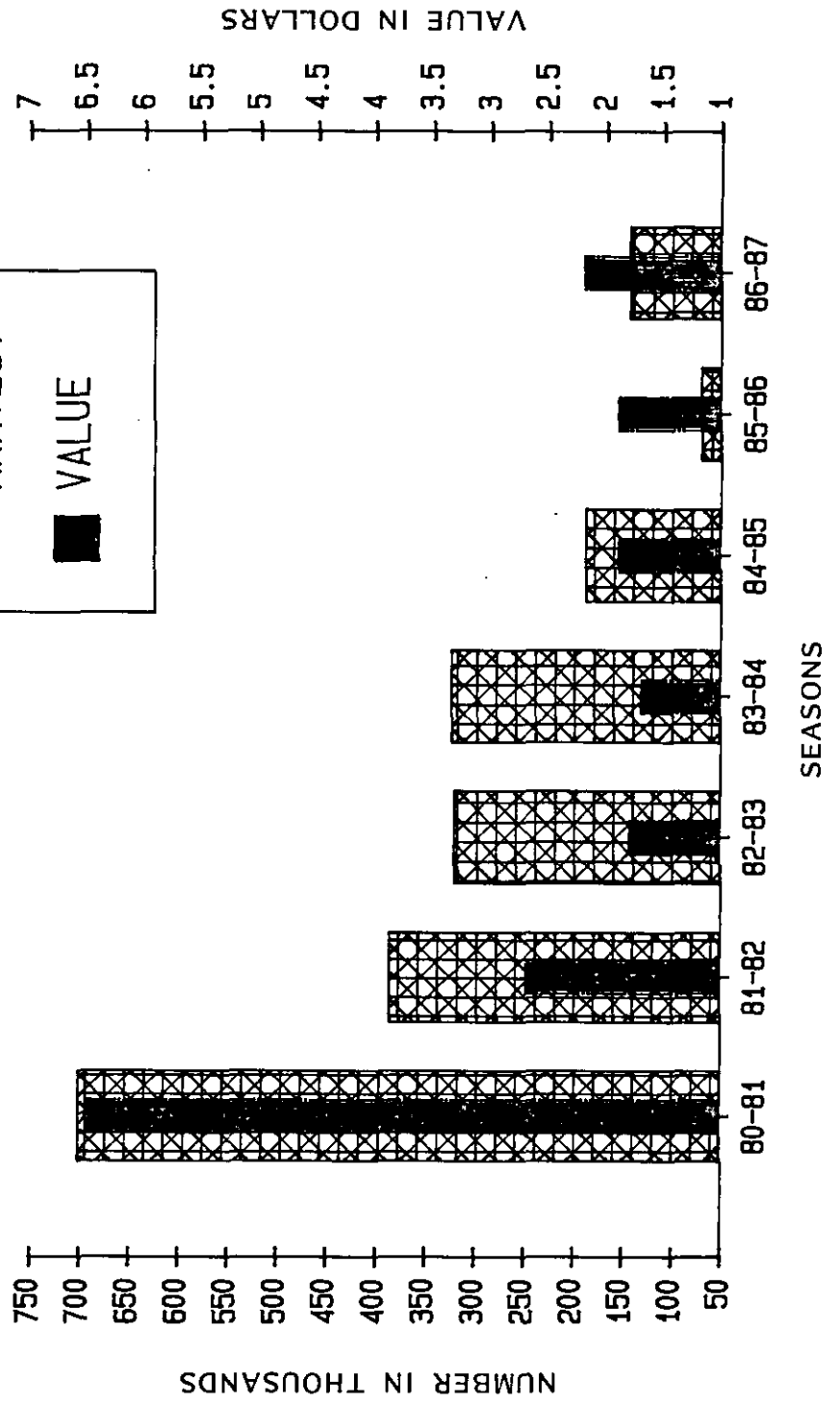
NUTRIA HARVEST AND PELT VALUE



UPLAND RACCOON HARVEST AND PELT VALUE



MUSKRAT HARVEST AND PELT VALUE





J. BURTON ANGELLE, SR.
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
DISTRICT VIII
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EDWIN W. EDWARDS
GOVERNOR

COASTAL & MARINE RESOURCES
SURVEY SECTION
03 - 04
ACTIVITY REPORT

From August 3, 1987 thru August 30, 1987

During this period field activity consisted of:

104 Surveys that were scheduled.
46 Surveys that were unable to be done due to bad weather
or fishermen unable to meet surveyor.

Surveys that were completed consisted of:

25 Leases that were tied into the monument control system.
1 Applications for new area.
31 15-year limitations.
1 Restake applications.

Total field activity:

<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	
<u>1,023</u>	<u>1,156</u>	<u>953</u>	- Surveys scheduled.
<u>546</u>	<u>879</u>	<u>549</u>	- Surveys performed.
<u>441</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>403</u>	- Surveys unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor.
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	- Survey where fishermen refused to survey.
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	- Disputes settled.
<u>35</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1</u>	- No shows.
<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	- Applications cancelled by request.

Office activity during this period:

\$ 711.28 - Lease rental collected.
225.00 - Survey fees collected.
2 - Applications filed.
117 - New leases issued.



Date submitted: August 29, 1987

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COVINGTON, LOUISIANA ON THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 3, 1987.

WHEREAS, The fur industry of Louisiana represents a major resource of economy and income for many of the citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, This resource is a renewable natural one, which has proven under wise management to increase in importance in our state; and

WHEREAS, An annual harvest of the surplus animals is in keeping with wise wildlife management techniques based on scientific management; and

WHEREAS, Federal restrictions imposed by the CITES Scientific Authority concerning out-of-state shipment for otter and bobcat furs will again require placement of a possession tag by trappers or buyers to insure state of origin; and


WHEREAS, The zonation concept has continued to be beneficial in reducing late caught unprime furs and has produced mainly favorable comments generated within the fur industry;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish the 1987-88 furbearers trapping season for the northern zone as being November 20, 1987 through February 15, 1988 and the southern zone as being December 1, 1987 through February 29, 1988, and sets a bag limit for daytime and nighttime raccoon and opossum hunting outside the trapping season of one raccoon and/or opossum per hunter per day or night; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the attached regulations governing the buying, tagging and shipment of bobcat and otter pelts are adopted for the 1987-88 trapping season.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department Secretary shall be authorized to close or extend the trapping season as biologically justifiable.

This is to certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of the excerpt of the minutes of the meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission held in Covington, Louisiana on Thursday, September 3, 1987.


J. Burton Angelle, Secretary

WHEREAS, RS 56:422-A authorizes the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to issue leases for the purpose of propagation and cultivation of oysters, and


WHEREAS, RS 56:1 requires the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to protect, conserve and replenish the natural resources of the state and

WHEREAS, biological studies have shown that the introduction of freshwater to enhance the productivity of an oyster growing area, and

WHEREAS, the introduction of freshwater may occasionally cause some damage near the point of introduction, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following clause be added to all oyster leases issued after the date of approval of this resolution.

This lessee hereby agrees to hold and save the State of Louisiana free from any damages resulting from the operation of controlled freshwater diversion structures, including, but not limited to siltation, oyster mortality or disease, pollution, damage to oyster beds or decreased oyster production.



Joe Palmisano, Jr.
Vice-Chairman



J. Burton Angelle, Sr.
Secretary

Declaration of Emergency

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R. S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedures Act, and under the authority of R. S. 56:433, Act 1987 No. 924 and Act 1987 No. 559 the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the 1987/1988 oyster season as follows:

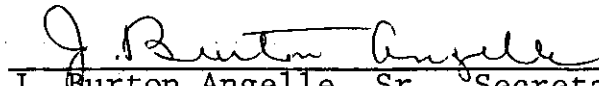
1. The oyster season in Calcasieu Lake and Sabine Lake shall open for tonging only one half hour before sunrise on Monday, November 9, 1987 and extend until one half hour after sunset Saturday, March 29, 1988.
2. The oyster season on all public grounds east of the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet shall open for sacking only one half hour before sunrise on October 5, 1987.
3. All remaining public oyster seed grounds east of the Mississippi River except the Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservation will open one half hour before sunrise September 9, 1987.
4. The oyster season in the Hackberry Bay and Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservations will open one half hour before sunrise September 9, 1987.

5. The oyster season in the Vermilion Bay Oyster Seed Reservation will open one half hour before sunrise on September 9, 1987.
6. The Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservation and the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed during the 1987/1988 oyster season.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries may close the season prior to the set closing dates after giving 72 hours notice if biological information indicates the need for closure.



Joe Palmisano, Vice-Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission



J. Burton Angelle, Sr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, RS 56:434(A) authorized the Commission to set aside such area from the inside waterbottoms of the state as it judges best adapted to the planting, propagation, growth and policing of seed oysters, and

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Legislature in its 1987 regular session passed Act 544 allowing the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to create oyster seed grounds in outside waters of the state, and

WHEREAS, Biological surveys have shown the Atchafalaya-Vermilion Bay area to meet such qualifications, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following described area be set aside as a designated oyster seed ground.

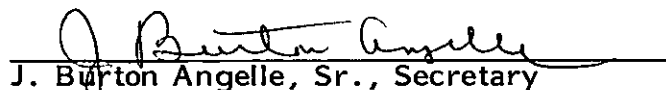
OUTSIDE AREA ATCHAFALAYA-VERMILION BAY OYSTER SEED GROUND

DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point known as South Point on the Southeast portion of Marsh Island (y-298, 750.40) (x-1,863, 189.50), thence S 74° 10' 18" E 52785.6 feet to a platform (y-284, 352.82) (x-1,913, 973.65), thence S 68° 18' 41" E 75,154.9 feet to Eugene Island (y-256, 578.31) (x-1,983,808.02), thence S 35° 17' 41" E 17,453.6 feet to Point Au Fer (y-242, 332.84) (x-1,993,892.44), thence south 35° 00' W approximately 3 miles to the Louisiana State Territorial Limitation, thence westerly along the State Territorial Limitation to a point south of Marsh Island, thence north approximately 3 miles to a point on Marsh Island (y-295,200.0) (x-1,845,950.0), thence easterly along the Shoreline of Marsh Island to South Point being the point of beginning.



Joe Palmisano, Jr., Vice Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission



J. Burton Angelle, Sr., Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries



J. BURTON ANGELLE, SR.
SECRETARY
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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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EDWIN W. EDWARDS
GOVERNOR

May 11, 1987

Honorable Hank Lauricella
Chairman of the Senate Committee
on Natural Resources
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA

Honorable Clyde Kimball
Chairman of the House Committee
on Natural Resources
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968(B) and (C), this constitutes the report of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission/Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries relative to the below rule:

(1) Notice of Intent

(see attached)

(2) Copy of the Rule

(see attached)

(3) Proposed action:

Adoption

Brief Summary:

Establishes a minimum legal size of 14" total length or 12" fork length for Spanish mackerel in Louisiana waters.

(4) Legal citation: R.S. 56:326.1.

(5) Circumstances requiring adoption, amending or repeal of rule:

To provide uniformity with other Gulf States, Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council, and to provide for management in Louisiana waters.

(6) Fiscal impact statement/economic impact statement:

(see attached)

Thank you.

Sincerely,

J. Burton Angelle

ATTACHMENT B

NOTICE OF INTENT

OFFICE OF COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby give notice, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, that he intends to promulgate a rule to establish the minimum legal length of Spanish mackerel (*Scomberomorus maculatus*) in Louisiana waters, said rule to be designated as LAC 76:VIII.326.1. and to read as follows:

Title 76

Part VIII - Fish and other aquatic life

Subpart A. Sport and Commercial Fishing

326.1. size limits set by commission

The minimum legal size for Spanish mackerel (*Scomberomorus maculatus*) shall be established as 14" (inches) total length, or 12" (inches) fork length in Louisiana waters.

Interested persons may submit written or verbal comments or inquiries to Mr. J. Burton Angelle, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P. O. Box 15570, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70895, (504) 925-3625 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. until July 2, 1987.

**J. Burton Angelle
Secretary**

Revised 2/9/87

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

La. Dept. of
Dept.: Wildlife & Fisheries
Coastal and Marine
Office: Resources

SUMMARY

Rule
Title: _____

In accordance with Section 953 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment.

Part A: Narrative

- (A) Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, amendment or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment).

Will adopt a minimum legal size for Spanish mackerel in Louisiana waters. The length shall be established as 14" (inches) total length and 12" (inches) fork length.

- (B) Summarize the circumstances which require this action. (If the action is required by federal regulations, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.)

Federal regulations are determined by Department staff to be most beneficial to those resources occurring in state waters. Other Gulf states have adopted those size limits, and Louisiana should to eliminate harvest and marketing problems.

Part B: Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

- (A) Effective Date of Rule or Rule Change: _____
(B) Did the Legislature specifically appropriate the funds necessary for the associated expenditures?
1. Yes _____ If yes, documentation must be attached.
2. No X If no, provide justification as to why this rule or rule change should be published at this time.

Published prior to fishing season.

Part C: Summary Statements to be Published

The following summary statements, based on the attached worksheets, will be published in the Louisiana Register with the proposed agency rule.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

None

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

None

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

None

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

None

Signature of Agency Head or Designee

MARK C. DRENNEN
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICER

Date of Agency Submission

Date of signature

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

WORKSHEET

I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in cost to implement the proposed action?

COSTS	FY 86-87	FY 87-88	FY 88-89
PERSONAL SERVICES			
OPERATING EXPENSES			
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
OTHER CHARGES		None	
EQUIPMENT			
TOTAL			
MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.			
POSITIONS(//)			

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "I.A.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 86-87	FY 87-88	FY 88-89
STATE GENERAL FUND			
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED (Specify)			
DEDICATED (Specify)			
FEDERAL FUNDS (Specify)		None	
OTHER (Specify)			
TOTAL			

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

Yes

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

None

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit which will be affected by these costs or savings.

None

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

WORKSHEET

III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

A. What persons or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effects on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

None

B. Also provide an estimate of any revenue impact resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

None

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

None

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

WORKSHEET

II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

- A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 86-87	FY 87-88	FY 88-89
STATE GENERAL FUND			
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED (Specify)			
RESTRICTED FUNDS (Specify)			
FEDERAL FUNDS (Specify)		None	
LOCAL FUNDS			
TOTAL			

- B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "II.A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

March 31, 1987

Dr. William Fox
University of Miami Rosenstiel School
of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences
4600 Rickenbacker Causeway
Miami, Florida 33149

Dear Bill:

I'm responding to your letter to Chairman Brumfield regarding mackerel rules and state actions. We appreciate the Commission's consideration of these rule changes which will address what NMFS has identified as a significant local loop-hole resulting in continuation of landing of commercial catch after closure of those fisheries. I have enclosed previous letters to the states regarding compatible regulation (the last of which is dated 10/3/85) and state responses (all from Texas).

I contacted each of the states to determine their progress in addressing the commercial landing closures and bag limit actions. These are summarized as follows:

Commercial king mackerel landings

- o Texas bag limit of two fish per person applies to all persons, fish are not landed commercially.
- o Mississippi invoked an emergency rule in mid March to prohibit sale of fishery landings.
- o Alabama reported fish are not landed commercially.
- o Louisiana indicated commercial landings from EEZ have been closed.

Spanish mackerel commercial landings

- o No states have taken action. No fish have been taken commercially from western Gulf. Council recommendation for emergency rule extension for four fish bag limit from the EEZ was taken with understanding commercial fishery would be limited to state waters since none of western quota has been taken.

Dr. William Fox
Page 2
March 31, 1987

King mackerel bag limits

- o Texas and Mississippi have implemented two fish per person per trip limits.
- o Alabama submitted a proposed rule for a two fish bag limit in March.

Spanish mackerel bag limits

- o Alabama included in its proposed rule a four fish bag limit.
- o Other Gulf states have not taken action, since Council has not determined a bag limit level for Spanish mackerel other than the temporary emergency rule.

Size limits

- o All states, except Louisiana, have implemented Spanish mackerel and
cobia size limits.

Sincerely,



Wayne E. Swingle
Executive Director

WES:plb

Enclosure

cc: George Brumfield
Bob Mahood
Connor Davis, w/copy enclosure
Alex Jernigan, w/copy enclosure
Craig O'Connor, w/copy enclosure
Mackerel Management Committee
Staff

RULE

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt rules and regulations establishing the minimum legal size for Spanish mackerel (*Scomberomorus maculatus*) as fourteen (14) inches total length, or twelve (12) inches fork length.

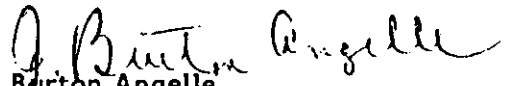
Authority for adoption of this rule is included in RS56:326.1.

Notice of Intent

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses intent to adopt a minimum legal size for Spanish mackerel (*Scomberomorus maculatus*) in Louisiana waters. The minimum legal size shall be established as 14" (inches) total length, or 12" (inches) fork length. Authority for this change is included in RS56:326.1.

Interested parties may submit written comments or comment on this proposed change until 4:30 p.m., July 2, 1987 in person or writing to: Mr. J. Burton Angelle, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Post Office Box 15570, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70895.


J. Burton Angelle
Secretary



J. BURTON ANGELLE, SR.
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Gentlemen:

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968(B) and (C), this constitutes the report of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission/Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries relative to the below rule:

(1) Notice of Intent

(see attached)

(2) Copy of the Rule

(see attached)

(3) Proposed action:

Adoption

Brief Summary:

Establishes a minimum legal size of 33" fork length for Cobia in Louisiana waters.

(4) Legal citation: R.S. 56:321.1.

(5) Circumstances requiring adoption, amending or repeal of rule:

To provide uniformity with other Gulf States, Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council, and to provide for management in Louisiana waters.

(6) Fiscal Impact statement/economic impact statement:

(see attached)

Thank you.

Sincerely,

J. Burton Angelle

ATTACHMENT B

NOTICE OF INTENT

OFFICE OF COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby give notice, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, that he intends to promulgate a rule to establish the minimum legal length of Cobia (*Rachycentron canadum*) in Louisiana waters, said rule to be designated as LAC 76:VIII.321.1 and to read as follows:

Title 76

Part VIII - Fish and other aquatic life

Subpart A. Sport and Commercial Fishing

321.1. size limits set by commission

The minimum legal size for Cobia (*Rachycentron canadum*) shall be established as 33" (inches) fork length in Louisiana waters.

Interested persons may submit written or verbal comments or inquiries to Mr.

J. Burton Angelle, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 15570, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70895, (504) 925-3625 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. until July 2, 1987.

J. Burton Angelle
Secretary

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Rule

Title: _____

SUMMARY

In accordance with Section 953 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment.

Part A: Narrative

- (A) Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, amendment or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment).

Will adopt a minimum legal size for Cobia in Louisiana waters. The length shall be established as 33" (inches) fork length.

- (B) Summarize the circumstances which require this action. (If the action is required by federal regulations, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.)

Federal regulations are determined by Department staff to be most beneficial to those resources occurring in state waters. Other Gulf states have adopted this size limit, and Louisiana should to eliminate harvest and marketing problems.

Part B: Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

- (A) Effective Date of Rule or Rule Change: _____

- (B) Did the Legislature specifically appropriate the funds necessary for the associated expenditures?

1. Yes _____ If yes, documentation must be attached.
2. No X _____ If no, provide justification as to why this rule or rule change should be published at this time.

Published prior to fishing season.

Part C: Summary Statements to be Published

The following summary statements, based on the attached worksheets, will be published in the Louisiana Register with the proposed agency rule.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

None

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

None

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

None

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

None

Signature of Agency Head or Designee

Date of Agency Submission

MARK C. DRENNEN
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICER

Date of signature

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

WORKSHEET

I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in cost to implement the proposed action?

COSTS	FY 86-87	FY 87-88	FY 88-89
PERSONAL SERVICES			
OPERATING EXPENSES			
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
OTHER CHARGES	None		
EQUIPMENT			
TOTAL			

MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.

POSITIONS(//)

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "I.A.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 86-87	FY 87-88	FY 88-89
STATE GENERAL FUND			
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED (Specify)			
DEDICATED (Specify)			
FEDERAL FUNDS (Specify)	None		
OTHER (Specify)			
TOTAL			

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

Yes

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

None

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit which will be affected by these costs or savings.

None

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

WORKSHEET

III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

A. What persons or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effects on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

None

B. Also provide an estimate of any revenue impact resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

None

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

None

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

WORKSHEET

II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

- A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 86-87	FY 87-88	FY 88-89
STATE GENERAL FUND			
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED (Specify)			
RESTRICTED FUNDS (Specify)			
FEDERAL FUNDS (Specify)	None		
LOCAL FUNDS			
TOTAL			

- B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "II.A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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March 31, 1987

Dr. William Fox
University of Miami Rosentiel School
of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences
4600 Rickenbacker Causeway
Miami, Florida 33149

Dear Bill:

I'm responding to your letter to Chairman Brumfield regarding mackerel rules and state actions. We appreciate the Commission's consideration of these rule changes which will address what NMFS has identified as a significant local loop-hole resulting in continuation of landing of commercial catch after closure of those fisheries. I have enclosed previous letters to the states regarding compatible regulation (the last of which is dated 10/3/85) and state responses (all from Texas).

I contacted each of the states to determine their progress in addressing the commercial landing closures and bag limit actions. These are summarized as follows:

Commercial king mackerel landings

- o Texas bag limit of two fish per person applies to all persons, fish are not landed commercially.
- o Mississippi invoked an emergency rule in mid March to prohibit sale of fishery landings.
- o Alabama reported fish are not landed commercially.
- o Louisiana indicated commercial landings from EEZ have been closed.

Spanish mackerel commercial landings

- o No states have taken action. No fish have been taken commercially from western Gulf. Council recommendation for emergency rule extension for four fish bag limit from the EEZ was taken with understanding commercial fishery would be limited to state waters since none of western quota has been taken.

Dr. William Fox
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King mackerel bag limits

- o Texas and Mississippi have implemented two fish per person per trip limits.
- o Alabama submitted a proposed rule for a two fish bag limit in March.

Spanish mackerel bag limits

- o Alabama included in its proposed rule a four fish bag limit.
- o Other Gulf states have not taken action, since Council has not determined a bag limit level for Spanish mackerel other than the temporary emergency rule.

Size limits

- o All states, except Louisiana, have implemented Spanish mackerel and cobia size limits.

Sincerely,



Wayne E. Swingle
Executive Director

WES:plb

Enclosure

cc: George Brumfield
Bob Mahood
Connor Davis, w/copy enclosure
Alex Jernigan, w/copy enclosure
Craig O'Connor, w/copy enclosure
Mackerel Management Committee
Staff

R U L E

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt rules and regulations establishing the minimum legal size of cobia (*Rachycentron canadum*) as thirty-three (33) inches fork length.

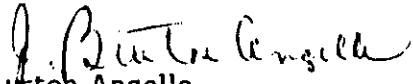
Authority for adoption of this rule is included in RS56:362.1.

Notice of Intent

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses intent to adopt a minimum legal size for cobia (*Rachycentron canadum*) in Louisiana waters. The minimum legal size shall be established as 33" (inches) fork length. Authority for this change is included in RS56:326.1.

Interested parties may submit written comments or comment on this proposed change until 4:30 p.m., July 2, 1987 in person or writing to: Mr. J. Burton Angelle, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Post Office Box 15570, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70895.


J. Burton Angelle
Secretary

RULE

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

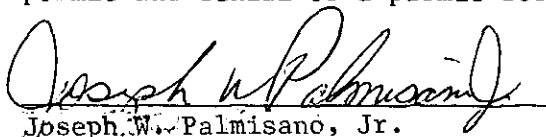
THE FOLLOWING RULE WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COVINGTON, LOUISIANA, SEPTEMBER 3, 1987.

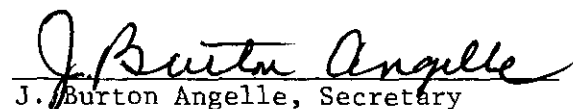
Pursuant to the authority of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 56, Sections 22, 317 and 402, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission establishes and permits a special recurring commercial fishing season, allowing the use of certain nets and slat traps, in Lake Bruin, Tensas Parish, Louisiana. The season will commence each year at sunrise on November 1 and close at sunset on the last day of February the following year.

Commercial fishermen with certain nets and slat traps will be allowed on Lake Bruin only during the above described special season and only be licensed commercial fishermen who must also obtain a Lake Bruin commercial fishing permit from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The permit will be issued at no cost on a seasonal basis and must be renewed for each season. The permittee must also file a report to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries of his catch within 15 days of the close of that season. The use of nets in Lake Bruin will be limited to gill and trammel nets greater than or having at least a minimum of 3½" bar and 7" stretched.

Commercial fishing will be allowed only during daylight hours except that gear can remain set overnight but fish captured may be removed during daylight hours only.

Failure to comply with the terms of the special permit or of any Louisiana commercial fishing regulations shall result in immediate cancellation of the permit and denial of a permit for the next year's special season.


Joseph W. Palmisano, Jr.
Acting Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries Comm.


J. Burton Angelle, Secretary
La. Dept. Wildlife & Fisheries

RESOLUTION

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Recognition of Cavenham Forest Industry Lease
to Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Holiday Inn, Covington, Louisiana
September 3, 1987

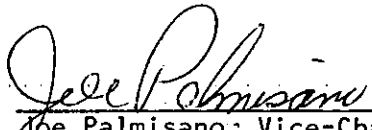
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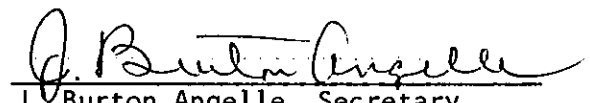
WHEREAS, this lease is free of any direct cost to the Department, and

WHEREAS, there are few public lands remaining available for wildlife management and recreational purposes in this section of southeast Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, there is potential for development of a variety of wildlife species thereby improving opportunities for recreational enjoyment by the citizens of Louisiana, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby recognizes Cavenham Forest Industries for unselfishly providing these valuable forest lands for management of wildlife resources and recreational uses by the public.


Joe Palmisano; Vice-Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission


J. Burton Angelle, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries

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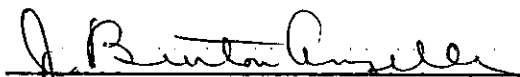
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Louisiana Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries

STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

August 4, 1987

PROPOSED ORDER
IN THE MATTER
OF
RIO DREDGING CONTRACTORS, INC.

An adjudicatory hearing was called on July 30, 1987 in the matter of cease and desist orders issued to Kenner Dredging, Inc. and Rio Dredging Contractors, Inc. Because of inadequate notice, Kenner Dredging, Inc. requested additional time to prepare its presentation. The hearing is, therefore, held open and will be reconvened at a later date to allow Kenner Dredging sufficient notice to prepare and present its case, and to allow the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries an opportunity to submit into evidence testimony and documentation necessary for its assessment of damages and penalties against both companies. The hearing then took up the matter of the cease and desist order issued to Rio Dredging Contractors, Inc.

Statement of the Case

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has alleged that Rio Dredging Contractors, Inc. is in violation of Revised Statute 56:2011, claiming that the company has dredged and removed fill materials from the Mississippi River without the required permit. On July 15, 1987, pursuant to Revised Statute 56:2014, the Department issued an order to the company to cease and desist from further dredging operations.

Findings of Fact

Based upon testimony and evidence contained in the hearing record of July 30, it is established that Rio Dredging Contractors, Inc. failed to comply with and was in violation of regulations governing removal of fill sand and fill materials from state waterbottoms, and did, in fact, dredge such materials from the Mississippi River without a permit issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Unpermitted dredging was conducted by the company in at least two operations at different sites located on the river (Construction Aggregates Supply Co., approx. mile 106; A. J. Phillips, Inc. and/or Beverly Industries, approx. mile 103.6).

Recommendation

Rio Dredging Contractors, Inc. removed fill materials from state waterbottoms without a permit, violating Revised Statute 56:2011 and subsequently was issued a 15-day emergency cease and desist order by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. This order has now expired and it is therefore recommended that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission issue a cease and desist order to Rio Dredging Contractors, Inc. to constrain and prohibit the company from any further dredging from the Mississippi River unless and until the company has complied with fill materials regulations, and has obtained the requisite permit from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Respectfully submitted,


Charles J. Killebrew
Hearings Officer

Memo

From
M. WADE BYRD

To Paula

Attached is resolution on Jesse Guidry
for minutes of Sept. Commission meeting.

Please show it to Joe Herring.


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LA. DEPARTMENT OF
WILDLIFE & FISHERIES

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OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

Thanks
Wade



RESOLUTION OF COMMEMORATION

WHEREAS, Jesse J. Guidry served faithfully as a member of the St. Martin Parish Police Jury from 1964 until 1967, and,

WHEREAS, Representative Jesse J. Guidry was elected by the people of District 46 to serve in the Louisiana Legislature from 1973 until 1981, rising to the Chairmanship of the House Natural Resources Committee, and,

WHEREAS, Representative Jesse J. Guidry was selected and appointed in 1973 by Governor David Treen to serve as Louisiana Secretary of Wildlife and Fisheries, thereby assuming great responsibility and initiative in protecting, conserving and enhancing the fish and wildlife resources of the State of Louisiana, and,

WHEREAS, Secretary of Wildlife and Fisheries Jesse J. Guidry faithfully and loyally fulfilled his duties and obligations to Louisiana and her citizens, and,

WHEREAS, Jesse J. Guidry served as an active member and officer of numerous sportsman's organizations and state and national conservation organizations dedicated to the perpetuation of our vast and valuable natural resources,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and, through this commission, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, does hereby commemorate the long and faithful service rendered by Jesse J. Guidry and recognize him as a true and loyal friend of wildlife.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this commission and department express deep regret at the death of Jesse J. Guidry and extend sincere condolences to all members of the Guidry family.

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION Covington, Louisiana September 3, 1987

1. ✓ 1. Roll Call
2. 2. Approval of Minutes of August 7, 1987
3. ✓ 3. Set Trapping Season for 1987-88 North Nov. 20, 1987 - Feb. 15, 1988
South Dec. 1, 1987 - Feb. 29, 1988
4. Notice of Intent - To Change the Survey Rules to Include Provisions Holding the State Safe and Harmless from Effects of Freshwater Introduction
5. Notice of Intent - To Establish a New Oyster Seed Ground in Outside Waters South of Atchafalaya Bay
6. Ratification of Size Limits for Spanish Mackerel and Cobia
7. Ratification of the Lake Bruin Commercial Fishing Season
8. Ben's Creek WMA, Lease Signing and Recognition of Cavenham Forest Industries, Inc.
- ~~9. Emergency Action - WMA Road Use Restrictions~~ Removed
10. Discussion of Redfish and Speckled Trout Harvest Quota 5-Sept, 1987
Aug 31, 1988
11. Set December Meeting Date December 3-4, 1987 N.O.
12. Consideration of Cease and Desist Proposed Order in the Matter of Rio Dredging Contractors, Inc.

Present:

1. Joe Palmisano, Jr.
2. Dr. Jack T. Cappel
3. Lyle "Butch" Crow
4. Dr. Donald E. Hines

Absent:

5. Warren Pol
6. Mark A. Roberts
7. Dale Viret

Trapping:

- N. Nov 20, 1987 Feb 15, 1988
- S. Dec. 1, 1987 Feb. 29, 1988

Jesse Guidry
9-4-87 Reburial on
Florida Blvd.
10:00 A.M. Funeral Home Open
8:00 A.M. Rosary
9-5-87 8:00 A.M. Funeral Home Open
10:00 A.M. Funeral Home Open
Green Roads

Compliment

St Tannary And Shideall Sportsmen Leagues
for Hospitality last Night And For
The Invitation By St. Tannary Sportsmen
League For Inviting The Commission
To Meet In Covington. A Very Good
Meeting And Attendance

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD IN COVINGTON, LOUISIANA ON THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 3, 1987.

- WHEREAS, The fur industry of Louisiana represents a major resource of economy and income for many of the citizens of our state; and
- WHEREAS, This resource is a renewable natural one, which has proven under wise management to increase in importance in our state; and
- WHEREAS, An annual harvest of the surplus animals is in keeping with wise wildlife management techniques based on scientific management; and
- WHEREAS, Federal restrictions imposed by the CITES Scientific Authority concerning out-of-state shipment for otter and bobcat furs will again require placement of a possession tag by trappers or buyers to insure state of origin; and
- WHEREAS, The zonation concept has continued to be beneficial in reducing late caught unprime furs and has produced mainly favorable comments generated within the fur industry;
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish the 1987-88 furbearers trapping season for the northern zone as being November 20, 1987 through February 15, 1988 and the southern zone as being December 1, 1987 through February 29, 1988, and sets a bag limit for daytime and nighttime raccoon and opossum hunting outside the trapping season of one raccoon and/or opossum per hunter per day or night; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the attached regulations governing the buying, tagging and shipment of bobcat and otter pelts are adopted for the 1987-88 trapping season.
- NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department Secretary shall be authorized to close or extend the trapping season as biologically justifiable.

This is to certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of the excerpt of the minutes of the meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission held in Covington, Louisiana on Thursday, September 3, 1987.


J. Burton Angelle, Secretary

BOBCAT AND OTTER TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

In order to obtain federal approval to export bobcat and otter out of the United States, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is required to insure that only Louisiana trapped otter and bobcat are tagged with Louisiana export tags.

In order to accomplish this, a special possession tag will be made available to fur buyers.

A blue tag for otter and a red tag for bobcat must be filled out by the trapper at the time the pelt is sold.

The information required includes trapper name, trapper license number, parish caught in and date trapped.

No bobcat or otter pelt shall be purchased from a trapper or be in the possession of a fur buyer without a possession tag.

Dealers shall not purchase bobcat or otter pelts without an accompanying possession tag.

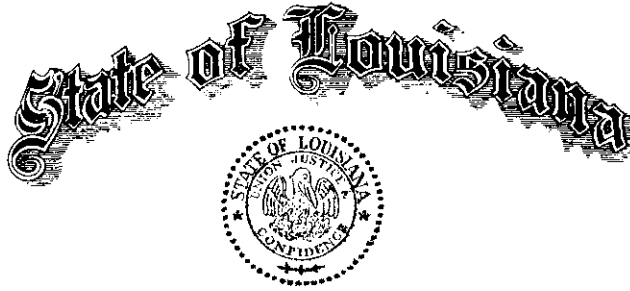
No bobcat or otter pelt shall be shipped from the state without an export tag attached.

Dealers will obtain export tags for bobcat and otter by providing to the Department one completed possession tag for each pelt to be shipped from the state.

It shall be illegal to falsify possession tags or attach Louisiana export tags to out-of-state bobcat or otter pelts.

Once possession tags have been received and counted by Department personnel, export tags will be mailed immediately.

Trappers shipping bobcat or otter out of state must provide completed possession tags to the Department in order to receive export tags.



J. BURTON ANGELLE, SR.
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
OFFICE OF WILDLIFE
FUR AND REFUGE
P.O. BOX 15570
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70895
504/342-5874

EDWIN W. EDWARDS
GOVERNOR

August 26, 1987

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: J. Burton Angelle, Sr., Secretary

FROM: Johnnie W. Tarver, Administrator, Fur & Refuge Division

SUBJECT: 1987/88 Fur Season

The enclosed supplemental information concerning the upcoming fur season may help you understand a little more about the industry. The tables dealing with "Comparative Takes of Fur Animals in Louisiana" sum up the situation very quickly -- high fur prices yield high take (and the converse is also true). We may be on an upward trend as there is some indication that the marketing industry is interested in designing fur and leather into anticipated fashion. Consequently, we may see higher prices at the trapper level with the resultant and almost concurrent increase in effort that should translate into larger numbers of animals harvested. All-in-all, the outlook may be described as cautiously optimistic.

The following dates and zones are recommended for your consideration:

North Zone -- 11/20/87 through 2/15/88
South Zone -- 12/1/87 through 2/29/88

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Johnnie W. Tarver" followed by the initials "plh".

Johnnie W. Tarver
Administrator
Fur & Refuge Division

JWT/plh

cc: Fur Council
Greg Linscombe
Don Puckett
Mary Mitchell

(All Commission Members, Mr. Herring, and Mr. Perret have received this memo also)



BURTON ANGELLE, SR.
SECRETARY
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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
NEW IBERIA FIELD OFFICE
ROUTE 4 BOX 78
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318/369-3807

EDWIN W. EDWARDS
GOVERNOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Johnnie Tarver, Chief

FROM: Greg Linscombe, Research Biologist

DATE: August 21, 1987

RE: Summary of the 1986-87 Trapping Season and
Recommendations for the 1987-88 Season

Results of the 1986-87 trapping season indicate an increase in value of \$2.6 million over the 1985-86 season. Thirty-seven percent of this increase in value was a result of the increase in the nutria harvest (224,066). The prices paid for nutria changed very little and remain too low to create a positive incentive to achieve an adequate harvest in areas with average population.

The raccoon harvest accounted for 41% of the increase in the value of the total fur harvest. Both the number harvested and the average price contributed to this increased value.

NUTRIA

The nutria contributed an average of 54% of the fur harvest value for the ten year period, 1976-77 through 1985-86. That ten year average for nutria was \$6.2 million as compared to \$3.4 million for this past season. This past year's harvest, 986,014 is still below the ten year average of 1,180,819. The average pelt price for nutria showed very little improvement from the previous year. The increase in the harvest of over 200,000 nutria over the previous year indicates an increased trapping effort or increasing population or perhaps both. Once fur buyer-dealer distribution reports are coded and analyzed we will be better able to determine where this increase was produced. High unemployment in the coastal areas of the state may have caused a greater trapping effort despite low prices.

Mr. Johnnie Tarver, Chief
August 21, 1987
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This continued low price for nutria is more justification for the advertising and promotional campaign being planned by the Fur and Alligator Advisory Council. Reports from land managers and trappers indicate increasing nutria populations in some areas of the coast. If prices improve even slightly the catch should increase substantially.

MUSKRAT

The harvest of muskrats last year (143,538) doubled from the all time low of 1985-86 (71,367). However, this figure still represents the second lowest muskrat harvest on record and is still only 31% of the 10 year average (459,663). Prices paid for muskrats showed no improvement from the previous season and were only 50% of the 10 year average.

Muskrat populations continue to be noticeably missing from Southeast marshes. This lack of animals is directly related to major flooding during the 1985 hurricanes and marsh eatouts earlier in the 1980's. However, the key food plant for muskrats, three-cornered grass (Scirpus olneyi), is not increasing in this area of the coast.

Muskrat concentrations are very high on the western shore of Vermilion Bay, North of Creole in Cameron Parish and on the eastern shore of Sabine Lake on Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. Assuming these areas are not impacted by hurricanes between now and the season they could produce more muskrats than last year, particularly if prices improve slightly.

RACCOON

The 1986-87 raccoon harvest (240,396) is the second highest on record during the last 42 years. During the 1945-46 season a total of 244,502 raccoons were harvested. The increase in the upland price from \$10.00 to \$13.00 was no doubt responsible for the increased harvest. The small increase in prices paid for coastal raccoons does not fully explain the increased harvest, which may be more related to a shift from nutria to higher priced raccoons. The value of the raccoon harvest reached 32% of the total fur harvest value last season as compared to a 10 year average of only 18%.

FUR HARVEST VALUE

The overall value of the fur harvest has declined dramatically since the 1980-81 season when the harvest was worth over \$18 million. The average annual value for the past 10 years has been approximately \$11.6 million, however we have been well below that average for 6 of the last 7 years. This picture will not change until the price and related harvest for nutria both increase, since nutria represents 54% of the harvest by value.

Mr. Johnnie Tarver, Chief
August 21, 1987
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TRAPPING LICENSE SALES

Last season was the first with the new \$25 and \$5 trapping licenses. As expected the number of licenses sold was reduced. A total of 9,458 licenses were sold in 1985-86 and 6,947 in 1986-87. This reduction in license sales does not reflect a real drop in trapping since the catch of most species increased. This is especially true in the upland areas of the state where 50% of the licenses are sold and 60% of the raccoons are harvested. The Fur and Alligator Advisory Council is planning several steps to help correct this problem. It is very difficult to explain the purpose of the license increase to trappers when many of the addresses cannot be read on licenses issued in the parishes. The trapping license continues to be the only commercial license not issued solely by the Department. However, renewals are being sent out by the license section for a second year and over time the number of individuals obtaining their license through the mail will increase.

The Division will also request that a special effort be made by enforcement to check trappers for proper licensing. Raccoon hunters selling fur are also required to have a trapping license.

FUR AND ALLIGATOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

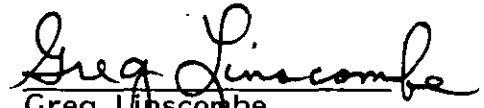
The activities of the Louisiana Fur and Alligator Advisory Council are therefore concentrating on methods to promote the utilization of nutria, particularly in the expanding U.S. market.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 1987-88 SEASON

North Zone: November 20, 1987 through February 15, 1988

South Zone: December 1, 1987 through February 29, 1988

Bag limits on raccoon and opossum hunting, outside the trapping season should remain the same, 1 per person per day or night. Regulations involving the federal export (CITES) of bobcat and otter will remain unchanged.


Greg Linscombe
Research Biologist

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Enclosures

COMPARATIVE TAKES OF FUR ANIMALS IN LOUISIANA
10 Year Average (1976-77 through 1985-86 seasons)

	No. of Pelts	Approx. Price to Trapper	Value
Nutria (Eastern)	810,010	\$ 4.79	\$ 3,879,947.90
Nutria (Western)	370,809	6.34	2,350,929.06
	<u>1,180,819</u>		<u>\$ 6,230,876.96</u>
Muskrat (Eastern)	341,313	3.74	\$ 1,276,510.62
Muskrat (Western)	118,350	4.72	558,612.00
	<u>459,663</u>		<u>\$ 1,835,122.62</u>
Raccoon (Upland)	134,345	12.35	\$ 1,683,342.85
Raccoon (Coastal)	68,936	6.32	435,675.52
	<u>203,281</u>		<u>\$ 2,119,018.37</u>
Mink	38,760	10.54	\$ 408,530.40
Opossum	36,606	1.92	70,283.52
Otter	7,039	28.57	201,104.23
Skunk	286	1.90	543.40
Red Fox	1,279	33.56	42,923.24
Gray Fox	3,165	31.02	98,178.30
Bobcat	2,963	51.39	152,268.57
Beaver	1,089	5.22	5,684.58
Coyote	1,812	15.41	27,922.92
Total Pelts	<u>1,936,762</u>		<u>\$11,192,457.11</u>
Nutria Meat	920,700 lbs.	.05	\$ 46,035.00
Raccoon Meat	777,005 lbs.	.44	341,882.20
Opossum Meat	58,123 lbs.	.25	14,530.75
	<u>1,755,828 lbs.</u>		<u>\$ 402,447.95</u>
TOTAL PELTS AND MEAT			\$11,594,905.06

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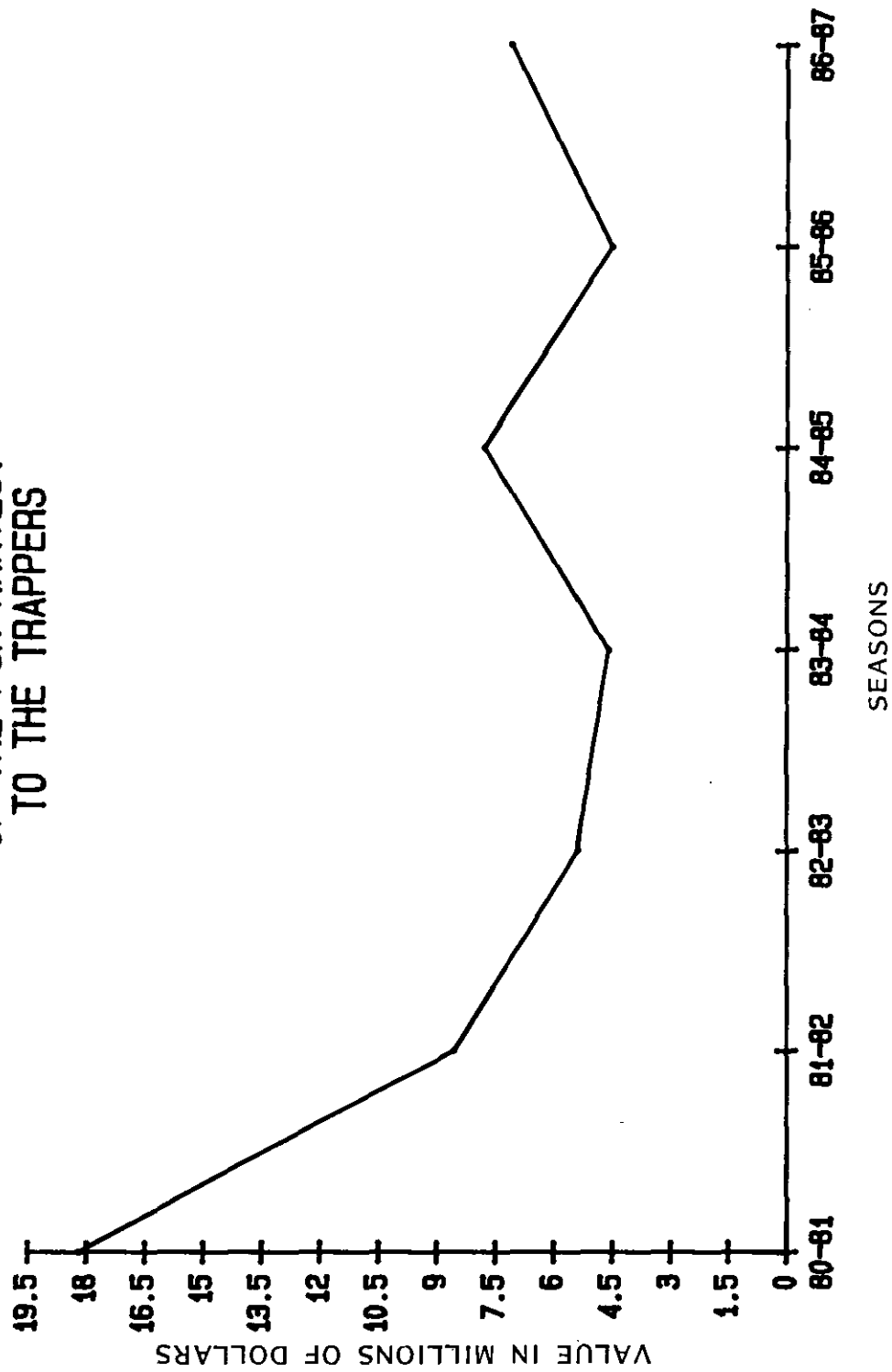
1986-87 SEASON

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NUTRIA (EASTERN)	640,909	\$ 3.16	\$2,025,272.44
NUTRIA (WESTERN)	345,105	3.90	1,345,909.50
	<u>986,014</u>		<u>\$3,371,181.94</u>
MUSKRAT (EASTERN)	57,415	1.95	\$ 111,959.25
MUSKRAT (WESTERN)	86,123	2.29	197,221.67
	<u>143,538</u>		<u>\$ 309,180.92</u>
RACCOON (UPLAND)	144,238	13.00	\$1,875,094.00
RACCOON (COASTAL)	96,158	4.90	471,174.20
	<u>240,396</u>		<u>\$2,346,268.20</u>
MINK	35,045	10.60	\$ 371,477.00
OPOSSUM	20,376	.75	15,282.00
OTTER	5,074	10.00	50,740.00
SKUNK	8	.75	6.00
RED FOX	396	13.00	5,148.00
GRAY FOX	2,405	23.00	55,315.00
BOBCAT	2,395	59.00	141,305.00
BEAVER	1,810	3.00	5,430.00
COYOTE	937	5.50	5,153.50
	<u>1,438,394</u>		<u>\$6,676,487.56</u>

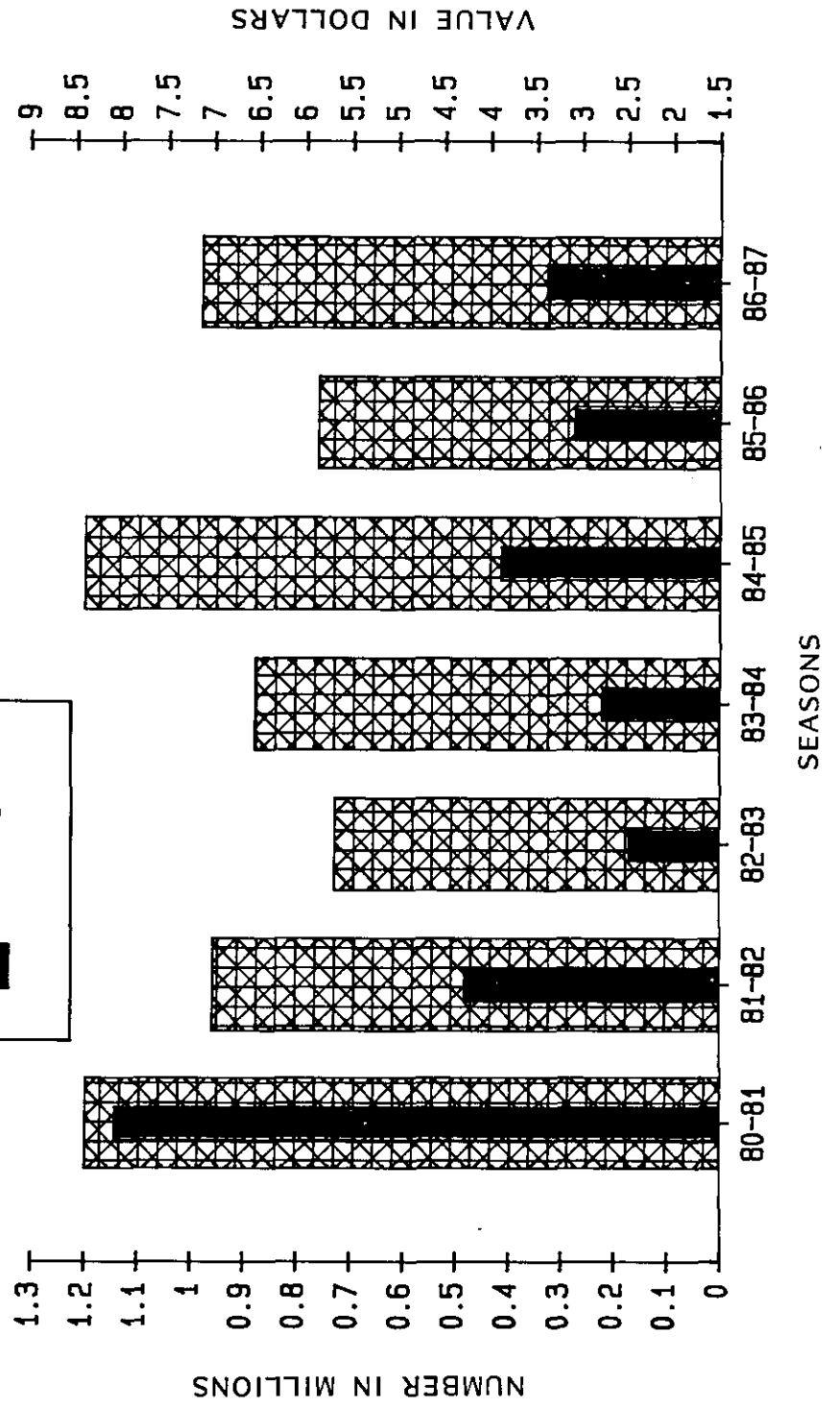
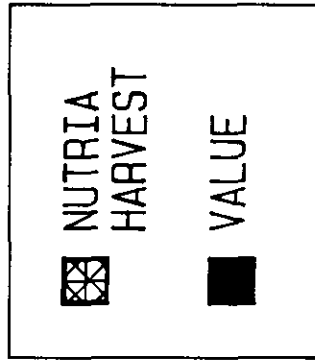
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NUTRIA MEAT	552,168	.04	\$ 22,086.72
RACCOON MEAT	927,929	.50	463,964.50
OPOSSUM MEAT	20,172	.25	5,043.00
	<u>1,500,269</u>		<u>\$ 491,094.22</u>
TOTAL PELTS AND MEAT			\$7,167,581.78

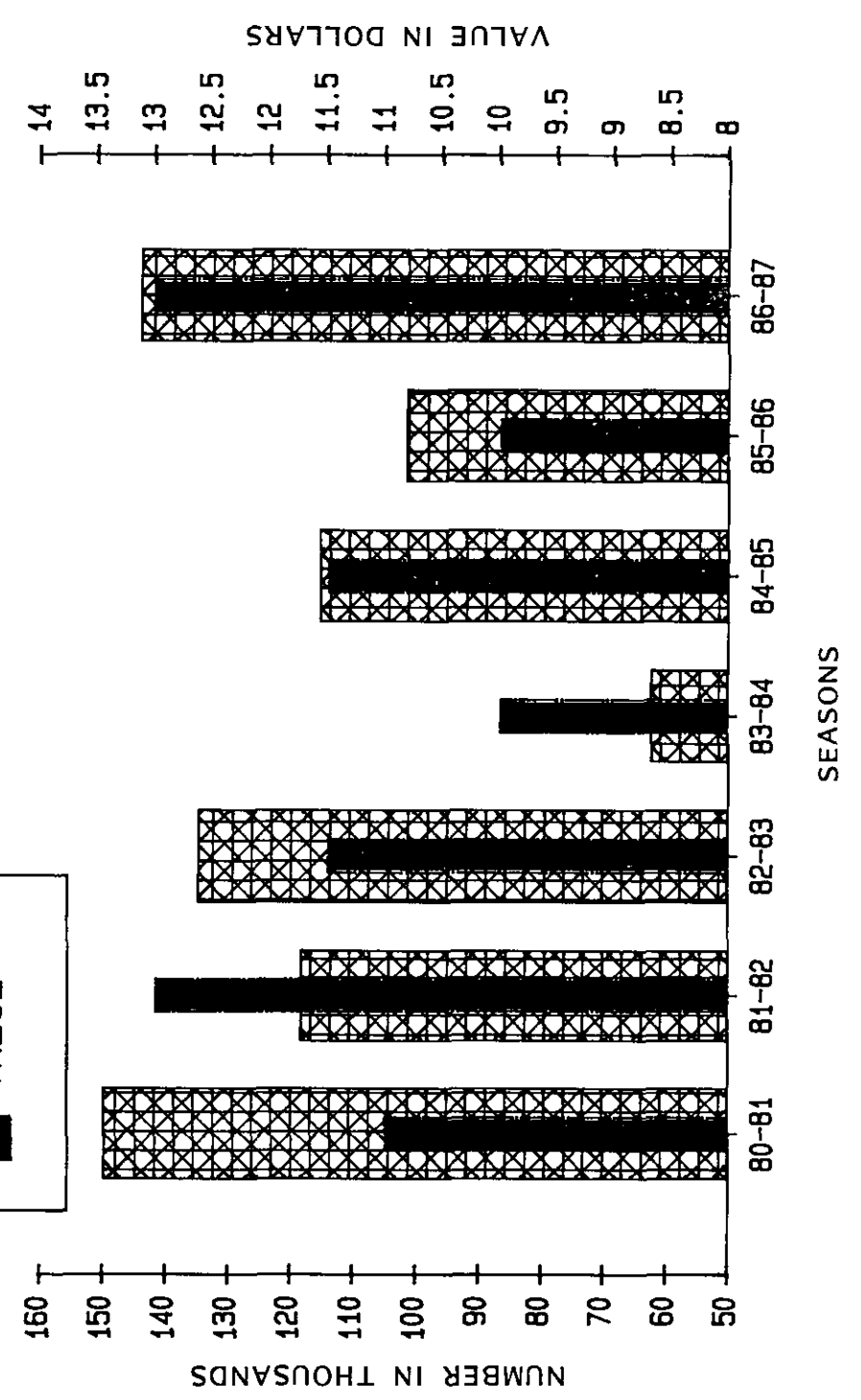
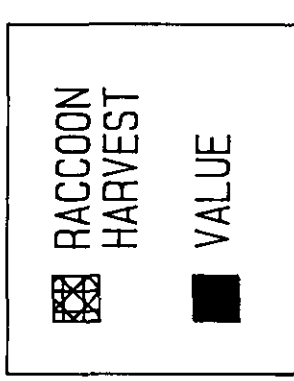
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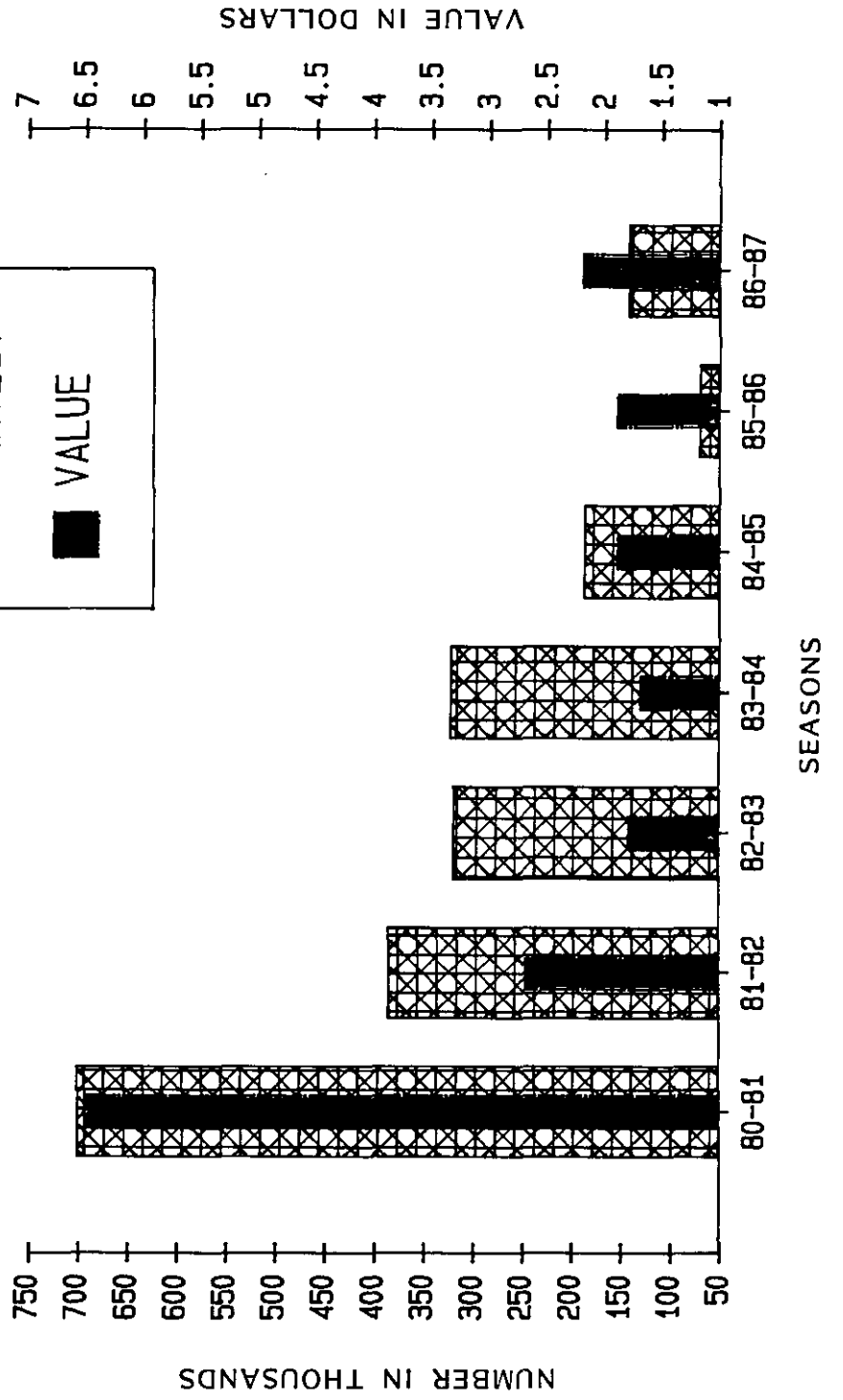
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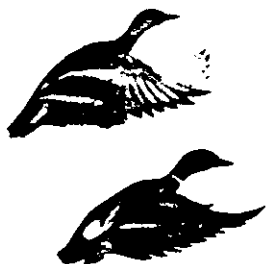
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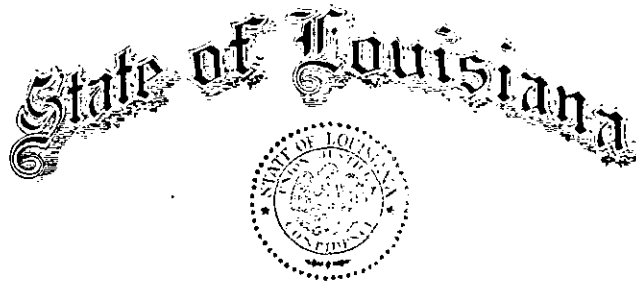
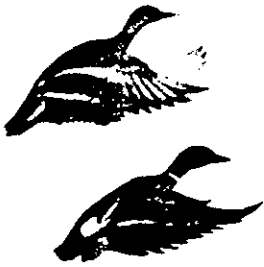
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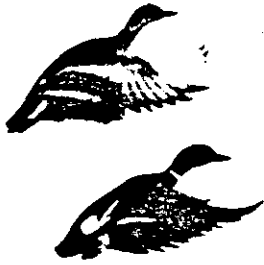
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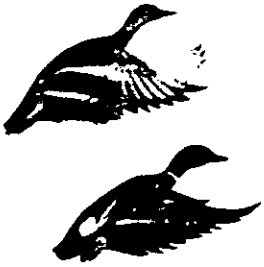
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Single Rooms for Wednesday, September 2, 1987
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RESOLUTION
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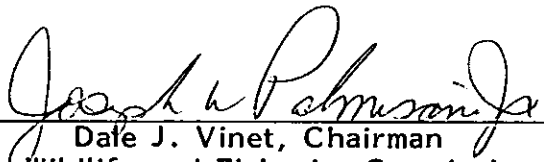
WHEREAS the Commission is of the opinion that the findings and recommendations of the Hearing Officer are correct, now

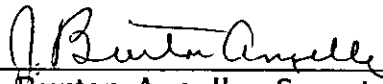
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed order is hereby adopted in its entirety including the findings of fact and recommendations and which proposed order is attached to and made a part of this final order, and

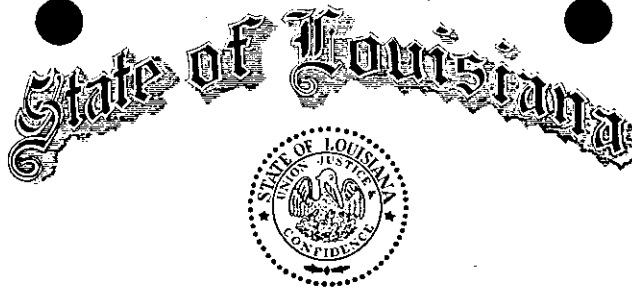
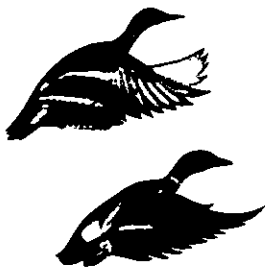
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the final order of this Commission that Rio Dredging Contractors, Inc., is prohibited from any further dredging until such time as the company has complied with the fill material statutes and regulations and has obtained the requisite permit from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Covington, Louisiana

this 3rd day of September, 1987.


Dale J. Vinet, Chairman
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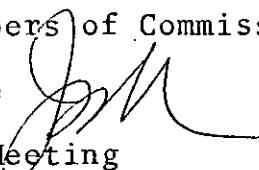
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